

ROWAN UNIVERSITY

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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Evaluation Criteria For:
Location: Science Hall

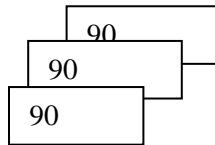
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CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

- 1) What is the **maximum number** of transfer credits acceptable?
(The residency requirement for a Rowan degree is 30 credits; at least 20 credits in the major.)

The 20 credits must be upper-level, not Bio I and II

a) **Total** transfer credits allowed
from 4-year colleges
2-year colleges



- b) Do you accept credits from **non-accredited** or **Nationally** accredited institutions? (Generally, Rowan recognizes regional accreditation) **Limitations?**

Not usually-we consider them on a case by case basis. Foreign credentials meeting U.S. school accreditation agreements are accepted.

- 2) What is the **maximum number** of semester hours accepted toward the major requirements?

10 s.h. upper level Biology courses and 8 s.h in Bio I and Bio II

a) accepted in Non Gen Ed area of the program - Any of the chemistry, physics, or math requirements for the major

1 Core electives -- “Advanced Science, Calculus II or Statistics I” line on our program guide may be transferred in

2 Specialization – Maximum of 10 s.h. of transferred Bio Electives

3 The “Advanced Science, Calculus II or Statistics I” line on our program guide may be transferred in

- 3) What is the **maximum AGE** of external transfer credits accepted toward your program?

7 to 10 years

4) Are "D" grades accepted in majors course work?

In non-major courses/Gen. Ed.?

D grades are accepted in Chem., Physics, and Math. The combined average to be a C-

5) Are there exceptions: (i.e., a grade of "C" or better in courses which required the "D" course as a prerequisite, or a C or higher in the last of a course sequence, i.e., Bio I (D), Bio II (D), Bio III (A)-from Quarter System?) **No. However,**

A "D" grade in a Biology Course means that the course will be counted as Free Elect, and not as a Biology course.

Yes, when schools have separate courses for lecture and for lab. In those Bio courses, the lecture course and the lab course must TOGETHER average out to at least a C-grade.

6) What are the requirements for acceptable Biology Elective courses as identified on the program guide.

C- or better; no courses accepted if they are specifically designed for non-majors.

7) Are P/NC grades accepted in major course work?
- in non-major courses?

Yes, but not in Science or Math. Not in chemistry, physics or math courses.

8) Are 300 level courses transferable?

Yes, but if from a 2-year college, they are accepted as a "Substitute" not as an "equivalent." There are no specific limits as long as they are within the 90 s.h. limit. No more than 10 s.h. are transferable as Bio Electives.

9) What is the total number of credits required for graduation?

10) How many credits in the major **must be completed at Rowan** to graduate.

Of the 30 hours of Bio Electives, 20 s.h. must be completed at Rowan. Bio I and II can be taken anywhere.
The Rowan residency requirement is 30 s.h.

11) **What courses , grades, and gpa are needed before applying to your major?**

None. We want to educate everyone!

12) What GPA must be maintained to remain in the major?

We have no special minimum. Ours is the same as the Rowan University policy for academic dismissal.

13) If transcripts show the transferring 4 year institution has Professional Accreditation in your area (i.e., NCATEAACSB, ABET, Education, etc.), and has awarded professional credit for completion of community college courses toward the major area professional course(s) , will you?

Not necessarily. For example, a student could become a licensed respiratory therapist, but most of the courses taken would not be credited as transferable biology courses.

Comments:

Non-Program Courses

Non-Program Courses may be any college-level, non-remedial, non-preparatory, course, that was previously considered a General Education Course in the old model, with the exclusion of Biology courses. The Non-Program Courses may also include courses in the Fine Arts, Business, and Education Colleges that previously would have been excluded from Gen. Ed. status as the pre-2005 model restricted to courses offered in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Biological Sciences Department has traditionally not accepted preparatory sciences courses, (e.g., Prep. Chem.), as part of the 120 s.h. required for the B.S. in Biology. This includes Rowan as well as transfer courses.

We do not accept sciences courses specifically designed for non-science majors (e.g., our own General Biology, Chemistry of Everyday Life, Physics for Everyday Life, etc.)

We do not credit math courses below the level of Pre-Calculus (e.g., Intermediate Algebra.)

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